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FROM : SE/FI/CE
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1. While it is appreciated that nothing can be done regarding the arrangements already made by RNDOLLAR with AIPIGEON regarding future contacts, I think it might be well to point out the following to the field with a view to correction on RNDOLLAR's next contact with AIPIGEON:

(a.) RNDOLLAR should be instructed not to write anything in his own handwriting that might come to light if AIPIGEON's house is searched. At the most, he should hand print any material he gives to AIPIGEON or leaves in the dead-drop.

(b.) The exact location of the dead-drop has not been reported from the field. It may be in the vicinity of AIPIGEON's house, which, if true, would be undesirable from the standpoint of the team's and AIPIGEON's security. Also, the dispatch indicates undesirable feature in that the dead-drop may be denied us during the winter months by reason of the fact that the area will be inhabited by sheep, shepherds and dogs after the sheep are returned to the town pasture for the winter. This should be corrected if possible, and it would seem that a place could be selected not too close to AIPIGEON's house, in an area not suitable for grazing purposes. It is presumed that the field will instruct RNDOLLAR to arrange for the danger signal to be placed at a sufficient distance from the drop so the team will have adequate warning.

(c.) Some sort of recognition signal in place of the use of the dead-drop should be agreed upon with AIPIGEON so that the team can make known to him that they are in the area and desire contact. It appears very undesirable security-wise to have the recognition signal location tied into the dead drop. The present set up calls for the team to place a message in the dead-drop and after a two-day wait, to then attempt contact if AIPIGEON hasn't picked up the message. This means a delay of two days with attendant jeopardy to the team. It means two visits to the dead-drop by the team, and probably two visits by AIPIGEON, as he would have to leave a written message advising the team when and how to contact him. It is not clear in the report as to how often AIPIGEON will visit the dead-drop, so probably the team would always have the two day delay, and there doesn't appear to me to be any advantage in the arrangement. If a signal could be placed at some point which affords security of access and which AIPIGEON passes regularly, the team would not be required to wait such a long time for him to recognize the signal and then place instructions for the meeting in the dead-drop.

(d.) I don't understand the field's use of the term "paradoxically" in connection with AIPIGEON's refusal to accept a ball-pointed pen. He would naturally carefully conceal the weapons as inherently they would remain a danger, and would be taken from their hiding place and used only in case of emergency and probably in connection with an attempt to escape, if he later is uncovered by the Sigurimi. On the other hand, a pen is something that RNDOLLAR expected him to use in communications and would necessarily, even if concealed, be brought out from time to time to be used. Each time it was in his possession he would be vulnerable, and while he could perhaps burn the message he was writing he would have trouble disposing of the pen in a hurry. What I am concerned about here is that the case officer, by the use of the term "paradoxical", gives evidence of failing to properly evaluate the security implications inherent in the above.

R.W.H.